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This 2007 Action Plan describes how Washington State will allocate and use funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to better serve communities.

The state Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development is grateful for the opportunity to administer these funds on behalf of HUD, our partner local jurisdictions and organizations that implement the projects funded by HUD and CTED resources in communities across the state, and the citizens of Washington State.

## ANTICIPATED RESOURCES

The following table lists the HUD funds CTED anticipates receiving in 2007.

HUD Formula Funds Administered by CTED	Anticipated Amount
State Community Development Block Grant	\$15,528,000
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)	\$1,582,000
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$10,146,000
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)	\$622,000

In addition to these funds, CTED leverages other federal, state and local resources to meet state housing and community development priorities.

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION and CONSULTATION

CTED conducted a series of outreach activities, including a 30-day comment period, to provide internal and external stakeholders and the public the opportunity to provide input during the development of the Action Plan. These activities included sending email notices of the opportunity to comment to low-income housing advocates and organizations, CDBG-eligible cities and counties, HOME consortiums, economic development councils and interested others. A public notice was published in two regional newspapers. Copies of the draft Action Plan were distributed to the state's regional libraries and to community action agencies for public review. Comments received on the draft 2007 Action Plan and CTED's response to these comments will be summarized in the final 2007 Action Plan.

The draft and final versions of the 2007 Action Plan are accessible on the CTED website at [www.cted.wa.gov/cdbg](http://www.cted.wa.gov/cdbg) and available by request.

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

CTED collects and assesses data to measure how the use of HUD funds contributes to the accomplishment of both the following CTED Goals, as identified in its 2007-2013 Strategic Plan, and HUD's Statutory Program Goals:

#### CTED Strategic Plan Goals

1. Build livable, vibrant communities that meet the economic, environmental and social needs of their citizens.
2. Prepare the State to compete in a global marketplace.
3. Move low-income and vulnerable families to self-sufficiency.
4. Improve the health and safety of communities and families.
5. Provide bold leadership and exceptional service.

#### HUD Statutory Program Goals

CTED's goals are consistent with and support the HUD goals identified in Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (as amended):

1. Decent housing
2. A suitable living environment
3. Expanded economic opportunity

HUD has established a new performance measurement system to be implemented in 2007. This system requires all funded activities also address one of the following objectives:

- Availability/accessibility
- Affordability
- Sustainability

CTED will link the relevant HUD goal and objective, identify the applicable HUD Outcome Statement, and collect data on specific performance indicators for each funded activity. CTED then will report on its use of these 2007 HUD funds in its 2007 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER).

### SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- In February 2006, HUD adopted the Consolidated Plan Revisions and Updates located in 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570, as amended. This Action Plan addresses these new reporting requirements and includes how CTED is implementing HUD's new performance measurement system in 2007.
- The scope of the HOME General Purpose (GP) program was revised to include the award of funds to projects that preserve and/or develop manufactured housing communities.
- All ADDI funds provided to the Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC) will be awarded at the beginning of the program year rather mid-year.
- The ESG program is considering a change to the current competitive allocation process following a public comment process in early 2007.
- The CDBG program is proposing minor shifts in funding allocation between its set-aside funds due to changes in federal funding levels, the need for assistance identified by local governments, and staffing capacity.